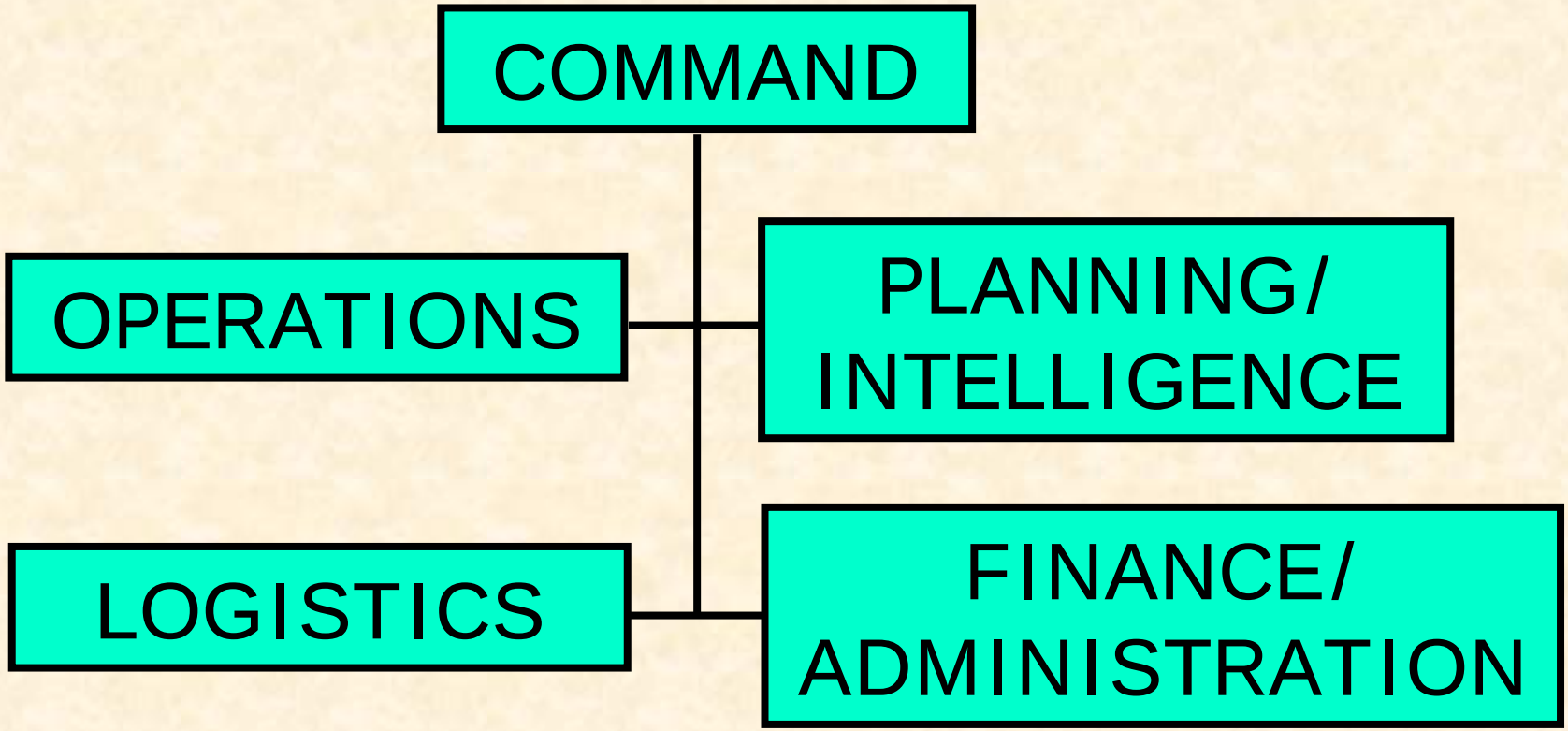
MODULE 2

PRINCIPLES AND FEATURES

FIVE PRIMARY ICS MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS



FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

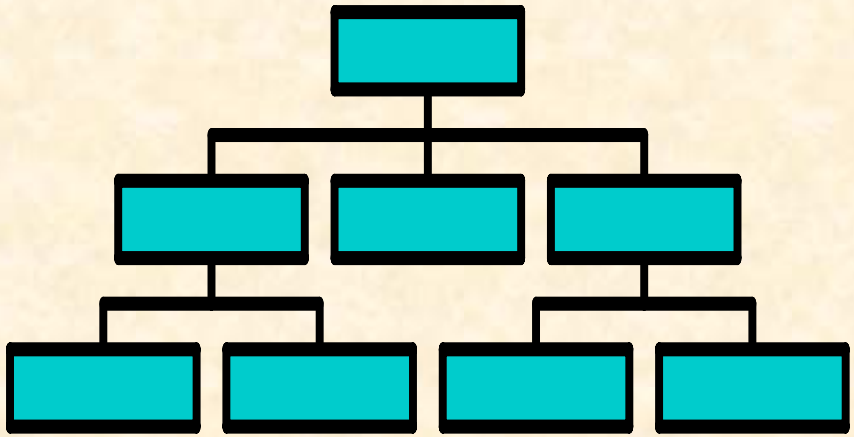
COMMAND	➡	Overall Responsibility
OPERATIONS	➡	Direct Tactical Actions
PLANNING/ INTEL.	➡	Collect/Analyze Data, Prepare Action Plan
LOGISTICS	➡	Provide Support
FINANCE/ ADMIN.	➡	Cost Accounting & Procurement

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

UNITY AND CHAIN OF COMMAND

Unity of Command –

Have a Clear Line Of Supervision

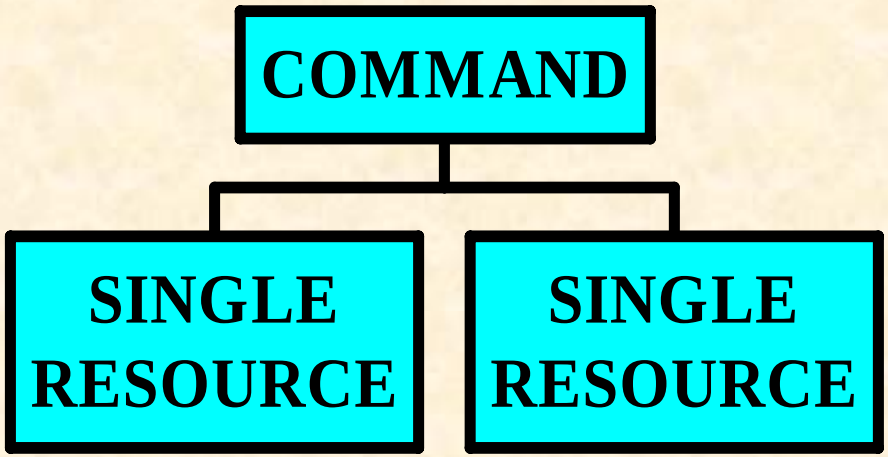


Chain of Command –

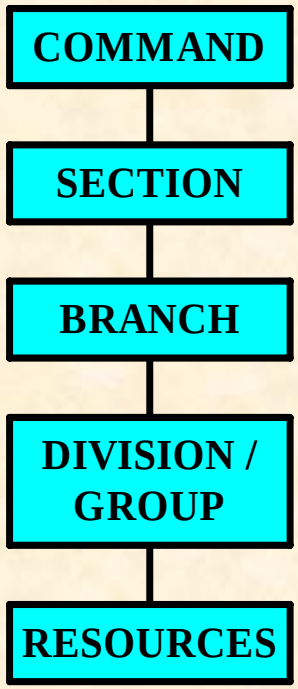
Orderly Ranking of Management Positions In Line of Authority

INCIDENT OPERATIONS ORGANIZATION

SMALL INCIDENT ORGANIZATION



LARGE INCIDENT ORGANIZATION

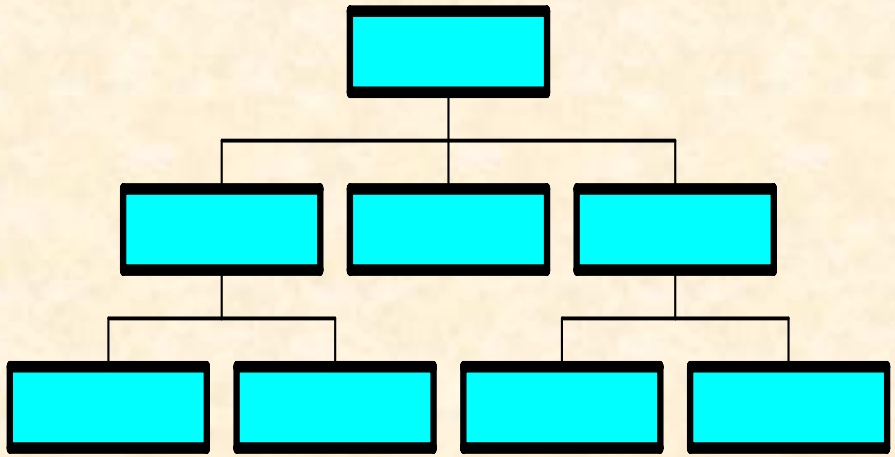


REASONS TO TRANSFER COMMAND

- A more qualified person assumes command
- A jurisdictional or agency change in command is legally required or makes good management sense
- Personnel turnover on long incidents

ICS ORGANIZATION

FLEXIBILITY



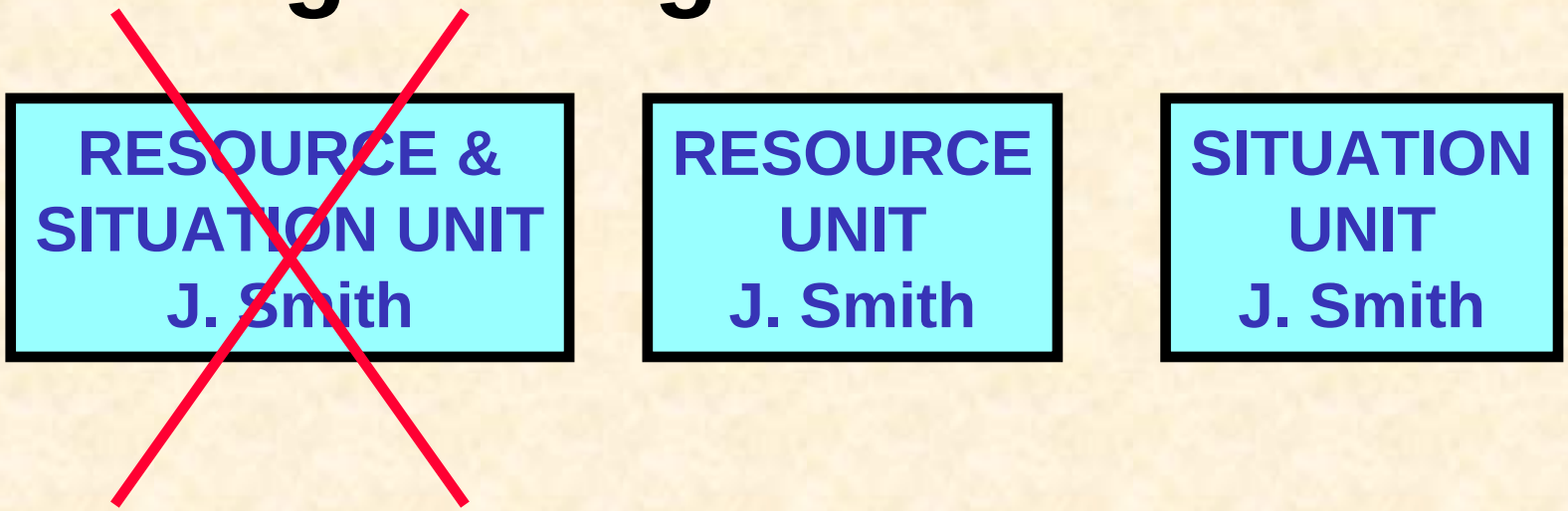
Needs of Incidents Will Determine The Required Organization

GENERAL GUIDELINE

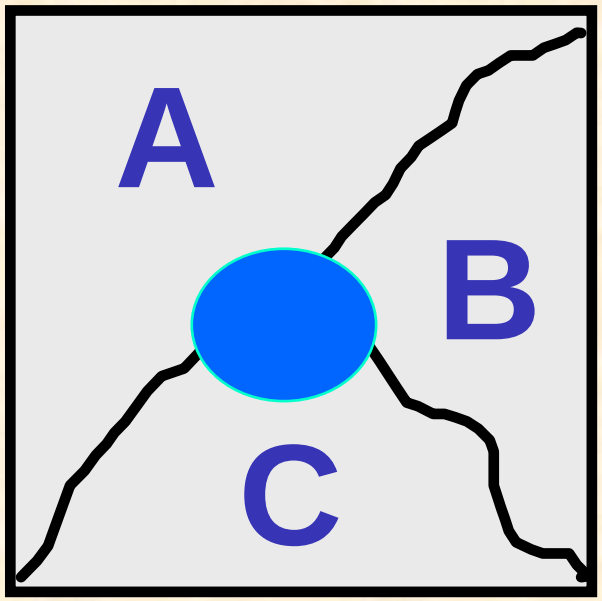
Do Not Combine Organizational Units -

One Person May Supervise More Than One Unit

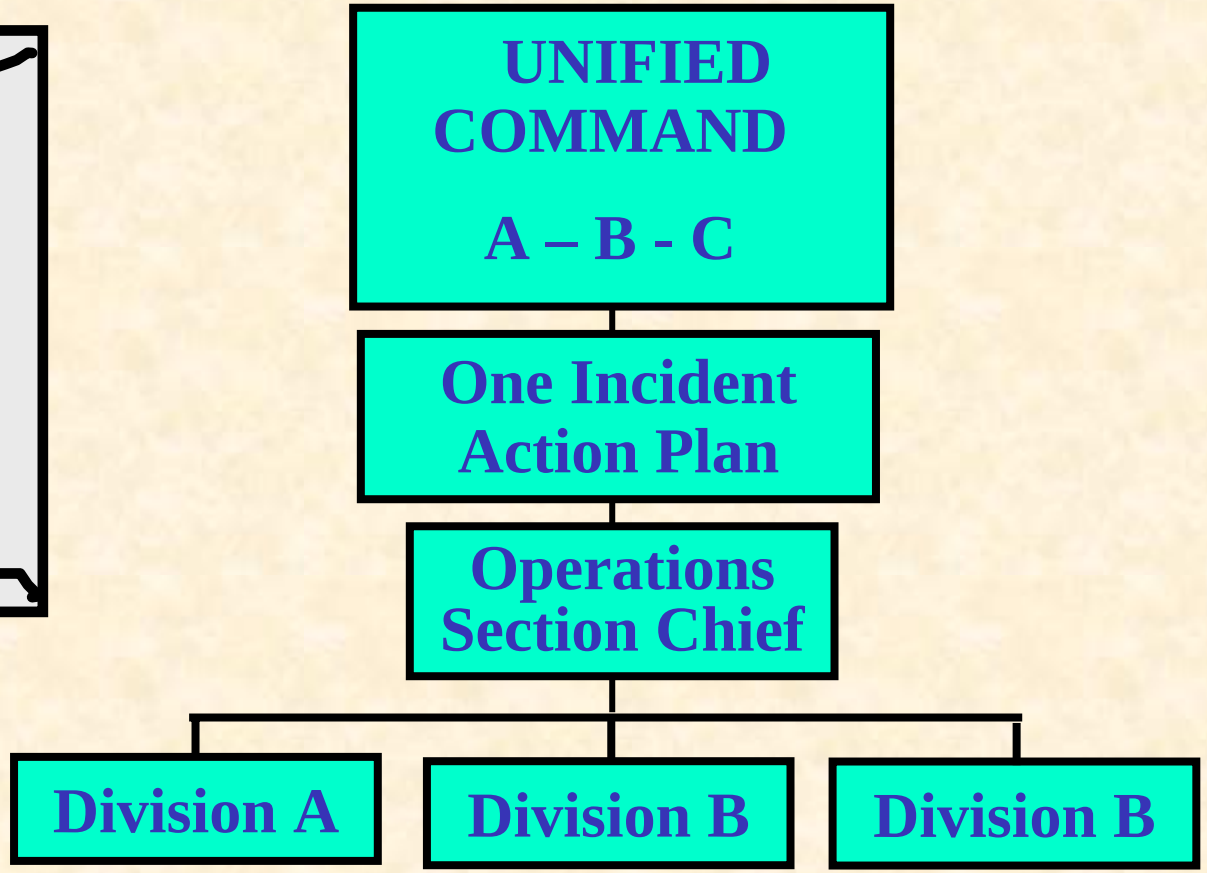
Planning/Intelligence Section Chief



MANAGING AN INCIDENT USING UNIFIED COMMAND



Hazardous Materials Incident

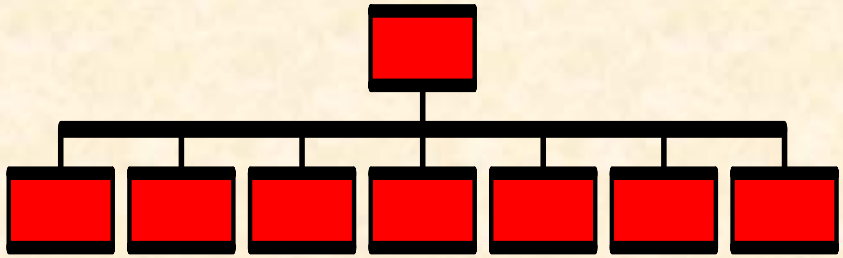


UNDER UNIFIED COMMAND THERE WILL ALWAYS BE

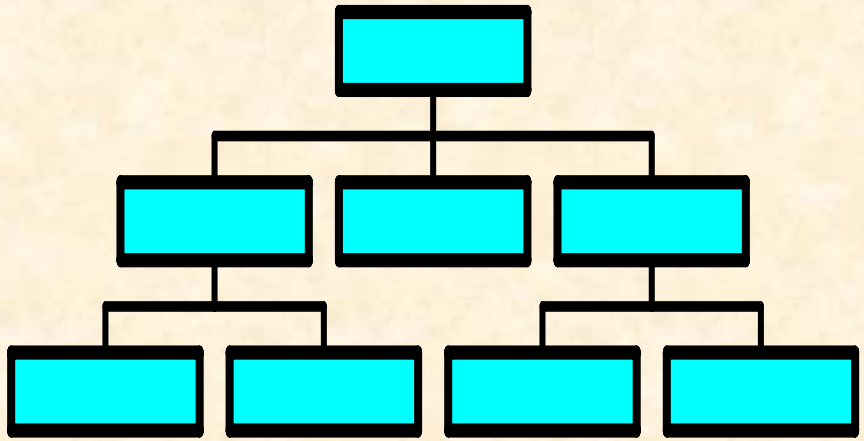
- One Incident Command Post
- A single coordinated Incident Action Plan
- One Operations Section Chief (Officer in Charge, etc.)

SPAN OF CONTROL

Ineffective and possibly dangerous

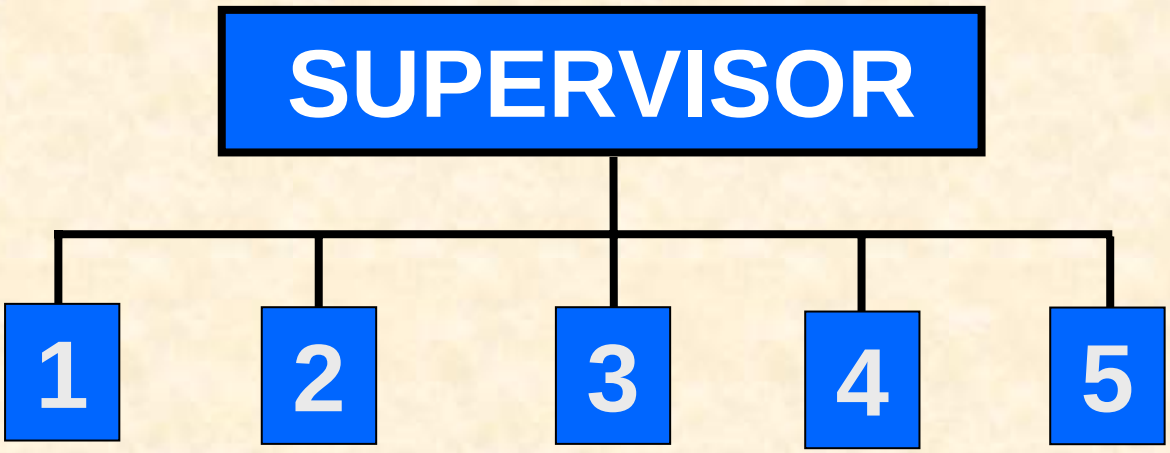


Effective span of control



OPTIMUM SPAN OF CONTROL

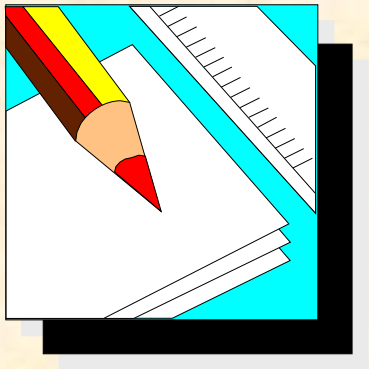
IS ONE TO FIVE



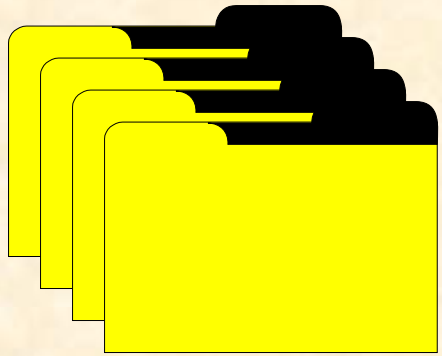
IN ICS COMMON TERMINOLOGY IS APPLIED TO:

- Organizational elements
- Position titles
- Resources
- Facilities

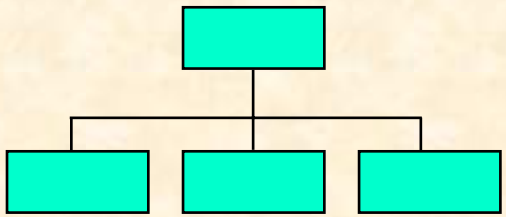
PERSONNEL ACCOUNTABILITY IS MAINTAINED THROUGH THE USE OF:



CHECK-IN FORM

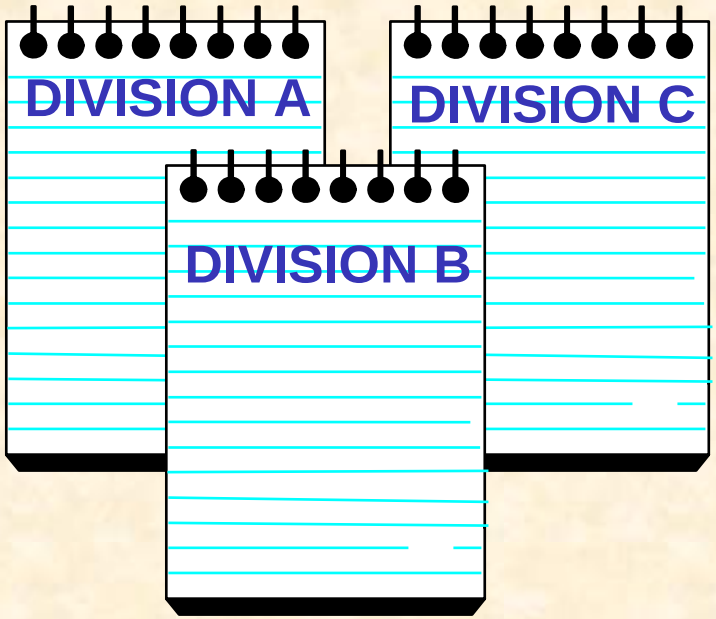


RESOURCE STATUS KEEPING SYSTEM

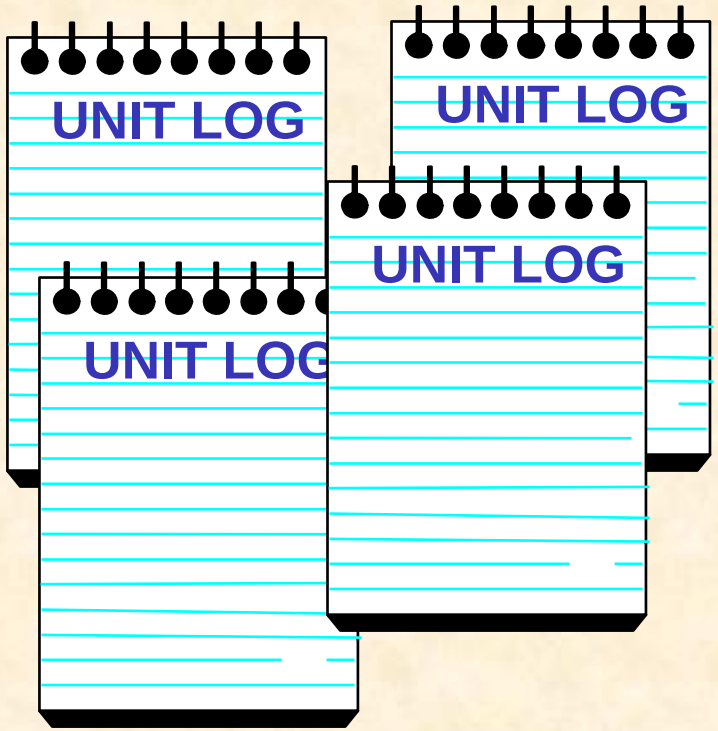


UNITY OF COMMAND

PERSONNEL ACCOUNTABILITY IS MAINTAINED THROUGH THE USE OF:



DIVISION/GROUP ASSIGNMENT LISTS



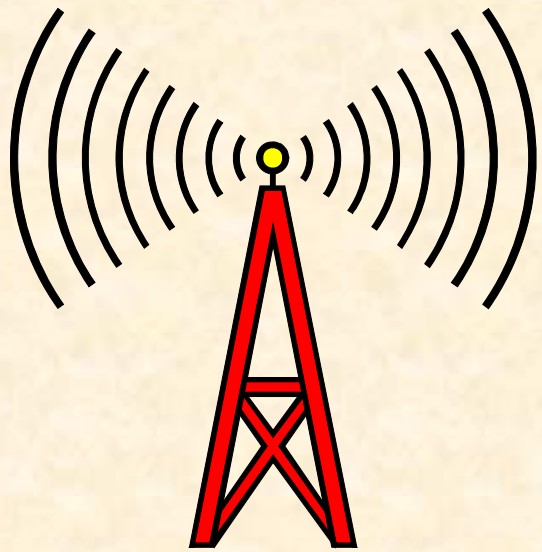
UNIT LOGS

ICS INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS

- Hardware systems
- Frequency use planning
- Information transfer procedures

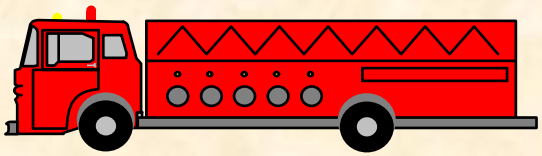
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED

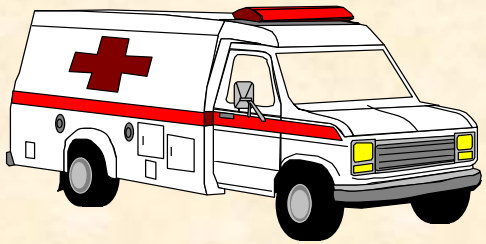
- Command Net
- Tactical Nets
- Support Net
- Ground-to-Air
- Air-to-Air

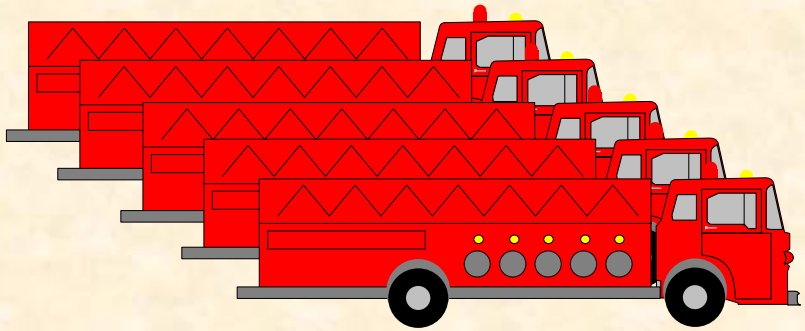


RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:

SINGLE RESOURCE
Includes Personnel
And Equipment







TASK FORCES
Combination Of
Single Resources

STRIKE TEAM
Combination of Same
Kind and Type

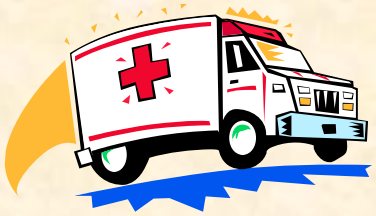
THE USE OF TASK FORCES AND TEAMS

- Maximizes effective use of resources
- Reduces span of control
- Reduces communications traffic

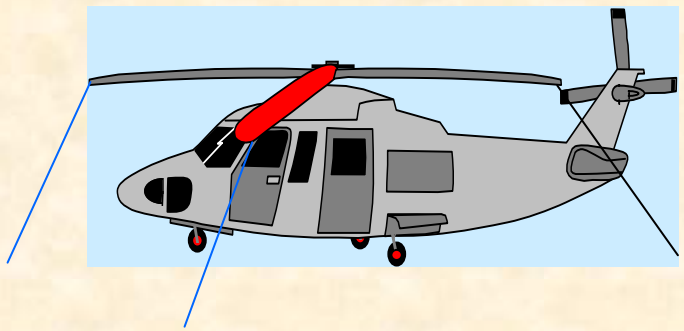
RESOURCE STATUS CONDITIONS IN ICS

"ASSIGNED"

"AVAILABLE"



"OUT OF SERVICE"



WRITTEN INCIDENT ACTION PLANS ARE IMPORTANT WHEN

- The incident will overlap operational periods
- Two or more jurisdictions are involved
- Substantial activation of the ICS organization